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To Whom It May Concern,

Honorable Council Members and Staff,

With pride and solemnity, I am writing you regarding the dedication of the new Jason Hargrove Transit Center. I am proposing that the Transit Center be named in honor of Jason Hargrove, a beloved Detroit Department of Transportation bus driver who passed away from COVID-19 in April of 2020.

Jason was first and foremost a devoted husband, father of six, and friend, who is remembered for his warmth and compassion toward others. During the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, Jason appealed to the public to help keep bus drivers safe, and his advocacy led to important changes at DDOT, such as enhanced safety protocols, to make sure drivers and passengers would always be protected. Shortly after leading the charge to protect his fellow bus drivers and passengers, Jason passed from the very illness he advocated to protect people against.

Enclosed is a resolution of support that I hope you will approve.

The Jason Hargrove Transit Center is located at 1121 West 8 Mile Road, the site of the former Michigan State Fairgrounds. This monumental naming serves as a reminder to Detroiters that our citizens are impactful and deserving of just recognition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael D. Duggan'.

### **Resolution**

**Whereas** Jason Hargrove was an instrumental force within DDOT and led the charge on safety protocols during the Covid-19 Pandemic, his voice was able to save the lives of many.

**Whereas** the City of Detroit promptly took into account his concerns and implemented a safety strategy to protect ridership and coachmen, Mr. Hargrove passed of Covid-19 shortly after.

**Whereas** The newly constructed transit center on State Fair Street will serve as a tangible reminder that Detroiters drive change and will be named in Jason Hargrove's honor to uplift his contributions to DDOT.

**Resolved** The Detroit City Council strongly supports the dedication and naming of the Jason Hargrove Transit Center.

**By Councilmember**